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Water flow reduced from Dworshak Reservoir

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers decreased water releases from Dworshak Reservoir from about 9,500 to about 4,200 cubic feet per second on June 30. The reduction in water releases is expected to maintain the reservoir 1 to 2 feet from full through the July Fourth holiday. Dworshak Reservoir elevation as of 2 p.m. on June 30 was 1598.7 feet, or 1.3 feet from full.

Reservoir flows were increased to 7,200 cubic feet per second and water release temperatures were decreased on June 28 to maintain water temperatures in the lower Snake River below state water quality temperature standards. Reservoir releases were further increased to 9,500 cubic feet per second on June 29 as water temperatures continued to rise in the lower Snake River. However, due to moderating atmospheric temperatures and rainfall the region has experienced in recent days, water temperatures in the Snake and Clearwater rivers have decreased. Current weather forecasts and the colder water being released from Dworshak Reservoir indicate the Snake River temperatures can be maintained at state water quality temperature standards, and the 4,200 cubic feet per second outflow will be able to be maintained through July Fourth. Snake and Clearwater river temperatures will be monitored over the holiday weekend and if necessary, adjustments will be made to Dworshak outflows for temperature control, although this is not anticipated until some time after July 4.

Fishermen, swimmers, and other recreational users below Dworshak Dam should also be aware of possible increased water flows and extremely cold water temperatures.

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